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Subject: Latest Development in Brazilian Communist Line

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The following is a digest of the most recent published views of Brazilian communist leader Luiz Carlos PRESTES and may be regarded as the latest development in the Brazilian communist line. The article on which this digest is based was entitled "The Struggle for Peace-Our Chief Task and the Honored Duty of Every Communist":

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The Yankee Imperialists are at last beginning to see that Brazilians do not want war. Yet so far only a start in this direction has been made. From now on the organization of Brazilians against war must be perfected and expanded.

The masters of the international trusts, especially in the armaments field, are gathering together a host of war propagandists. All kinds of intellectuals, artists, etc. are being enlisted to support and publicize their belief that war is inevitable and necessary if Western Christian Civilization is to be safeguarded.

The warmongers think Brazil is their oyster. They count on DUTRA'S tyranny, the "liquidation" of the Communist Party, police violence and American control of the Brazilian press to further their aims.

The warmongers have been surprised, however. Communists and other enlightened men and women have given the warning. The country is rising up and mobilizing in defense of peace.

The warmongers and their native lackeys are worried. They have therefore resorted to greater police violence and are waging a very strong press campaign designed to put the Brazilians to sleep.

Despite all the lies, the Brazilian people know that war will benefit only the foreign trusts. Brazilians know that the USSR would never struggle so much for peace if it really wanted war. Brazilians are not imbeciles.

The Roman Catholic Church in Brazil has offended the people. It has taken the side of the warmongers. It has forgotten the people and merely echoes Vatican politicians.

Brazilians should not think, however, that their initial victories against the warmongers have been enough to save Brazilian youth from the slaughter. In fact, we Brazilians are lagging behind some of the more enlightened nations in this struggle. We communists have not yet made efforts commensurate to the task, nor have we supplied the best leadership we are

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capable of. Our underestimation of the danger of war springs from faulty comprehension of Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist doctrine. For purposes of clarification, we should remember the following:

- "1) Unheard of crisis in the capitalist system and the war between labor and capital. War is the only way out of the jam that the trusts and leaders of capitalism can now see.....in face of the difficulties which threaten their prerogative to exploit.
- 2) The crisis in the colonial system is becoming graver, especially in Asia and particularly in China.....
- 3) The chasm between the forces of liberation and democracy on the one hand and of capitalist slavery on the other is deepening..."

All this explains Truman's frantic statements about the use of atomic force and the haste with which the Americans prepare for war. They know time is running against them and for the forces of peace and progress.

Yet never was war so avoidable as today, despite the desires of the modern maneaters. The supreme desire of people throughout the world is the reason for this.

We communists have our part to play. We must work with the people and against the diversionists. We must pass from words to acts. We must organize the people, take to the streets, make demonstrations for peace. Our base is the labor and peasant classes. They must be brought to show the tyrannical government of DUTRA what their will is, by strikes and all forms of struggling. Moreover, one way to fight for peace is to make sure that none of our natural resources be sent to assist imperialist wars.

The fight for peace is closely linked to the just aspirations of the people of Brazil. War will bring misery and further tyranny. It will also bring more Yankee colonization. Hence, by fighting for peace we will do much to guarantee our own rights and freedoms.

In the fight for peace we communists must take the decisive role. At this time we must live up to our traditions and help Brazil and her people to attain independence, democracy and socialism.

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